FINAL



2009-2014 5 YEAR UPDATE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GILMER COUNTY AND CITIES OF ELLIJAY AND EAST ELLIJAY



GILMER COUNTY

DEPARTMENT

OF

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners, Mayors Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay

FROM: Jim Smith, Director of Community Development

DATE: Monday, December 07, 2009

RE: Draft - Five (5) Year Update of the "2004 - 2013 Joint Solid Waste Management Plan for Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay

Gentlemen,

Please find attached a draft of the 5 year update of the "Joint Solid Waste Management Plan", as required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The purpose of a Joint Solid Waste Management Plan is to coordinate planning on inter-jurisdictional issues and provide a policy framework for guiding long range and day-to-day decision making for our communities.

PURPOSE

This document is a <u>partial update</u> to the 2004-2013 Plan that was adopted in October, 2004. This partial update is intended to serve as a policy guide during the interim period between full updates to the "Joint Solid Waste Management Plan" as it helps our communities to identify local issues and opportunities which have either remained or arisen since 2004. The next full update will be due in October, 2014.

This update is prepared according to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Office of Planning and Quality Growth Rules, Chapter 110-4-3, Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management.

REQUIRED COMPONENTS

The Five-Year Short-Term Work Program (STWP) shall include:

- 1. Plan of Accomplishments that identify the current status of each activity in the existing Short-Term Work Program;
- 2. A new Short-Term Work Program (2009-2014) covering the next five year planning period that includes, (a) Activities Completed, (b) Activities Underway, (c) Activities Postponed and (d) Activities Dropped;
- 3. Assurance that local government(s) have ten (10) years of disposal capacity (See Landfill Letters); and
- 4. Public Process includes a record of public hearings and meetings conducted to develop the updated plan;

First Public Hearing – <u>Thursday, October 22, 2009</u> B.O.C. Public Workshop – <u>Thursday, October 29, 2009</u> Second Public Hearing – <u>Thursday, December 17, 2009</u>.

Cc: Diana Buttram, County Clerk
Barnett Chitwood, North West Georgia Regional Commission

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2009 REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

of the Solid Waste Management Plan Implementation Schedule for Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay, 2004 - 2013

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ACTIVITY	YEAR PROPOSED	Complete		Postponed		Explanation if postponed or droppe		
WASTE REDUCTION								
Continue current recycling programs at the county convenience centers and expand recycling programs where feasible.	2004-2013		×			Pilot recycling programs underway & BOC will continue to evaluate		
Develop a method for keeping accurate and convenient records of the volume of recycled materials and implement it.	2005-2013		×			As a part of the pilot recycling programs, more accurate records are being kept to assist in evaluation of the feasibility for recycling		
Investigate the cost and benefits of charging disposal fees for household waste at the county convenience centers.	2006		×			Continuing to evaluate the cost & benefits for charging disposal fees		
COLLECTION								
Provide additional convenience centers as the need arises, possibly one every five years.	2008 & 2013				x	Centers will be improved and enlarged as needed – no present plans for additions		
Install an additional compactor, 2 additional roll off containers, and 2 additional access lanes at the Tower Road facility.	2004			x		Compactor and access lanes not added – two(2) containers added		
Investigate the cost and benefits of paving centers on County-owned property.	2005		x			The more high-traffic convenience centers have been paved, but because of recent budget constraints, others are to be considered at a later date		
Investigate the feasibility of providing recycling facilities for household recyclables at all convenience centers.	2006, 2009 & 2012		x			Pilot recycling programs underway & BOC will continue to evaluate		
Pursue grant funding, when available, to provide additional recycling facilities or new composting/chipping programs.	2004-2013		×			Grant funds do not seem to be available at this time due to state budget constraints – will continue to monitor		
Continue to contract with a private company (currently Cantrell's Sanitation) to collect and dispose of residential solid waste in the City of Ellijay.	2004-2013	x				Verbal contract only		
Continue to contract with a private company (currently Sanford Garbage Service) to collect and dispose of residential solid waste in the City of East Ellijay.	2004-2013	x				Verbal contract only		
WASTE DISPOSAL				y Let				
Continue to monitor options for waste disposal to ensure adequate disposal capacity.	2004-2013		x			See Eagle Point Landfill letter (Letter A)		
Continue to contract with a private company (currently Advanced Disposals) to haul waste from county convenience centers to landfill(s) of choice including Eagle Point, Pine Bluff and others	2004-2013		x			Present contract is with Advanced Disposals ~ Blue Ridge, GA		
Continue post closure monitoring at the Tower Road Landfill.	2004-2009		х			Program is continuing with Advanced Environmental Mgmt.		
LAND LIMITATION								
Ensure that entities which intend to locate solid waste handling facilities in the county follow the plan consistency guidelines outlined in Element 5.	2004-2013		x			Gilmer County adopted zoning in Sept. 2005; the Planning & Zoning Office has responsibility to ensure zoning compliance, however, all solid waste facility location must maintain consistency with the solid waste plan and receive permits both from the State and Gilmer County; this is an on-going activity.		

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Project or Activity	YEAR	Complete	Complete		Dropped	Explanation if postpened or dropped		
EDUCATIONAND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT								
Establish and maintain a Solid Waste Advisory Committee.	2005-2013				х	Board of Commissioners will solicit public input		
Promote coordinated public education efforts through the County, Cities, Keep Gilmer Beautiful, and other groups.	2004-2013	1,	х			We continue to support events such as Earth Day, Arbor Day & Adopt-A-Road and will continue the efforts.		
OTHER					3012			
Adopt Solid Waste Management Plan	2004	Х				CONTRACTOR		

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Implementation Schedule

The following strategies are intended to achieve the needs and goals listed above.

Table 13. Solid Waste Management Plan Implementation Schedule for Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay

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Project or Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
WASTE DISPOSAL								
Continue to monitor options for waste disposal to ensure adequate disposal capacity.	x	х	x	x	х	Gilmer County Solid Waste	staff time	not applicable
Continue to contract with a private company (currently Advanced Disposals) to haul waste from county convenience centers to landfill(s) of choice including Eagle Point, Murray County Landfill, Redbone Ridges Landfill and Whitestone Valley Landfill.	x	х	x	х	x	Gilmer County Board of Commissioners	\$360,000 per year	general fund
Continue post closure monitoring at the Tower Road Landfill.	X	X	х	x	X	Gilmer County	\$38,000 per year	general fund
LAND LIMITATION					280			
Ensure that entities which intend to locate solid waste handling facilities in the county follow the plan consistency guidelines outlined in Element 5.	x	x	x	x	x	Gilmer County, Ellijay, East Ellijay	staff time	not applicable
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT								A - mark
Promote coordinated public education efforts through the County, Cities, Keep Gilmer Beautiful, and other groups.	x	x	x	x	x	Gilmer County, Ellijay, East Ellijay, Keep Gilmer Beautiful	staff and volunteer time	not applicable
OTHER							dyn zsidio s	
Adopt Solid Waste Management Plan (5 Year Update)	x	34.2				Gilmer County Board of Commissioners, Ellijay & East Ellijay	Staff Time	Not applicable

Response to Initial Review Comments from DCA And Other Minor Amendment/Clarifications To Improve The Clarity Of the 2004 SW Plan

A) Chapter 110-4-3-.04(4)(C) --

[The table below is proposed to substitute for the table appearing on page 6 of the adopted "Joint Solid Waste Management Plan for Gilmer County and the City of Ellijay and East Ellijay." The table is updated with more recent population projections, beginning with the published 2008 U. S. Census total population for Gilmer County. Employment numbers previously shown on table 5 in the 2004 Plan are deleted in this revised table because the waste tonnages per sector are based on a percentage of the total waste tonnage that was actually disposed of in one or more MSW landfills. Assumptions regarding the percentage of waste composition for residential, commercial, and industrial remain the same as shown on page 5 of the referenced plan: residential, 71 percent; commercial, 12 percent, and industrial, 17 percent. Further, the table is regenerated using known waste disposal tonnages for 2008, 2009 and projections begin in 2010. Line f for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 represent actual per capita tons disposed per year, then beginning in 2011 the tons per capita is factored upward by 25 percent and held steady to the end of the period. It is important to understand that 4.0 lbs. per day is only slightly below the published numbers in the 2004 SW Plan. Also, the population numbers per year are less and more closely reflect what has occurred in Gilmer County.]

Table 5. Waste Stream Generation (Based Upon 1991 Composition Rates) and Assuming No Reduction in Waste Generation

		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
a.	Total Population (persons)*	28,537	29,043	29,612	30,375	31,392	32,720	34,125	35,593	37,128	38,728	40,392	42,138
b.	Residential Waste (tons per year)	13,286	11,307	11,083	15,744	16,270	16,959	17,687	18,447	19,243	20,072	20,935	21,840
C.	Commercial Waste (tons per year)	2,245	1,911	1,873	2,661	2,750	2,866	2,989	3,118	3,252	3,393	3,538	3,691
d.	Industrial Waste (tons per year)	3,181	2,707	2,654	3,770	3,896	4,061	4,235	4,417	4,608	4,806	5,013	5,229
e.	The second secon	18,712	15,926	15,611	22,174	22,916	23,886	24911	25,982	27,103	28,271	29,486	30,761
f.	Total Tons per Capita/Yr.	0.65	0.55	0.53	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73
g.	Pounds per Person per Day	3.6	3.0	2.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

Calculations used in table above: Line f = e/a (known tonnage divided by population). Beginning in 2011 and also 2012, line f (the total tons per capita) begins as the average of line f for the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 (recessionary decrease); thereafter, the factor is increased to .73 to account for a 25 percent increase per capita during the recessionary recovery and it is held stable to 2019. Line e, beginning in 2011, is computed as $f \times a$. $g = f \times 2000/365$; line e then becomes the total ton per capita multiplied by the projected population. Lines e, e, and e assume that the annual waste composition is the same as the composition documented in 1991: 71 percent residential; 12 percent commercial; and 17 percent industrial.

^{*} Population projections are by Northwest Georgia Regional Commission beginning with the 2008 populations total published by the U.S. Census. Commercial and industrial employment is also derived from the U.S. Census.

^{**} The tonnage disposed in 2008 and 2009 are actual totals for Gilmer County measured across the scales at Eagle Point Landfill for the stated years. The year 2010 is based on two months only, then projected to year -end (still feeling the recession).

B) Chapter 110-4-3-.01(3)(e)(1) -

A new waste disposal assurance letter is submitted and marked as Letter A for consideration.

- C) Clarifications Resulting from the Final Public Hearing (December 17, 2009) Where the Five-Year SW Plan Update was Available for Public Review:
- 1) An initial letter of waste disposal assurance was provided by Santek Environmental when the Five-Year Plan Update was submitted for review to DCA. The waste disposal portion was rejected by DCA, however, the letter (Marked as Letter B) remains a part of this submission due to the third paragraph of the letter. At the public hearing, Mr. Fuquea made the points addressed in his third paragraph. Thus, a minor correction, which is <u>underlined</u> below, is proposed on page 18 of the 2004 SW Plan by rewriting the first sentence under 4.3 Assurance of 10-year Disposal Capacity to read as follows:

"Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay propose to achieve their ten-year disposal capacity requirement by continuing arrangements to dispose of locally generated waste at <u>public/private</u>, out-of-county landfills."

2) At the same public hearing above a verbal presentation by Leon Watkins was made and a letter was submitted to the record (Marked as Letter C herein). The paragraph suggested by Mr. Watkins is not proposed for complete insertion in the SW Plan document. The subject landfill, referenced in his letter, was previously addressed in the 2004 SW Plan by the last sentence of the second paragraph under Section 4.1 Inventory of Existing Disposal Practices on page 16. The K & M Landfill that is mentioned in 2004 is now known as the Whitestone Valley Landfill as indicated on the masthead of Letter C. The last sentence is proposed to be re-written and one additional sentence added for clarification, as follows:

"The County has no plans to open a new inert facility as a private <u>inert/C &D</u> landfill, <u>known as</u>

Whitestone Valley Landfill (1714 Old Whitestone Road, Talking Rock, Georgia; previously K & M Landfill)
has recently opened in Pickens County, just south of the Gilmer/Pickens County Line. <u>The facility is</u>
deemed to have adequate capacity to handle both inert and construction and demolition wastes for in
excess of ten years, if the site is needed by Gilmer County."



April 5, 2010

Mr. Mark E. Chastain, Chairman Gilmer County Board of Commissioners 1 Broad Street Suite 106 Ellijay, GA 30540

Dear Mr. Chastain:

This letter serves as a disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by Gilmer County from 2009 to 2019. The Georgia EPD permit number for this facility is 058-12D-(MSWL). This assurance is based upon Gilmer County disposing of approximately 30,800 tons of waste at this facility on an annual basis.

We thank Gilmer County for this business partnership and look forward to providing environmentally sound waste disposal options for the foreseeable future.

Len Necaise

District Manager, Georgia Landfills

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Cell 251-751-6620



3477 FM942 West Leggett, TX 77350 (936)327-6829 Fax: (936)398-2848 November 5, 2009

Mr. Mark E. Chastain, Chairman Gilmer County Board of Commissioners 1 Broad Street, Suite 106 Ellijay, GA 30540

Dear Mr. Chastain,

On behalf of its governmental partners, Santek Environmental currently manages the Murray County Landfill in Chatsworth, Georgia and the Redbone Ridges Landfill in Calhoun, Georgia.

Please accept this letter as written confirmation that both of these facilities meet the 10-year disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by Gilmer County. This assurance is based upon Gilmer County disposing of approximately 9,000+tons of waste at either of these facilities on an annual basis. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division permits numbers for these facilities are 105-014D (Murray County) and 064-016D(SL) (Redbone Ridges).

We would respectfully request Gilmer County modify its solid waste management plan to include the disposal of Gilmer County waste at public, out-of-county landfills.

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minor Clarification made to the SW Plan on page 18.

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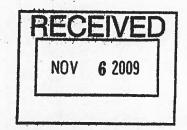
Kenny Fuquea

Sincerely

Anea Sales Manager

cc: Jim Smith, Director, Dept. of Community Development

Landfill Solutions Under Local Governments Authority.



WHITESTONE VALLEY LANDFILL (A CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION FACILITY)

1714 OLD WHITESTONE ROAD E. TALKING ROCK, GEORGIA 30175 OFFICE: (706) 253-3300

OFFICE: (706) 253-3300 FAX: (706) 253-3307

November 23, 2009

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Mr. Mark Chastain Gilmer County Commission Chairman 1 Broad Street Suite 106 Ellijay, GA 30540

Dear Mr. Chastain:

Please include the following text in the Gilmer County Solid Waste Plan acknowledging that Whitestone Valley Landfill can fulfill the disposal needs of Gilmer County's construction and demolition waste needs:

"Gilmer County will utilize the K&M Landfill d/b/a Whitestone Valley Landfill (Georgia EPD Solid Waste Handling Permit No. 112-008D(C&D)) in Pickens County for construction and demolition waste. That facility has adequate capacity to handle construction and demolition waste from Gilmer County for in excess of ten years in an environmentally correct manner. This landfill also has the capacity to handle inert waste material such as tree limbs, concrete, and other inert waste."

This paragraph

is modified

for insertion

on page 16

of the SW Plan

If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me.

Sincerely,

Leon Watkins

President

State of:

Georgia

County of: Pickens

Subscribed and sworn to before in

day of November, 2009.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

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A RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT THE UPDATED JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GILMER COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF ELLIJAY & EAST ELLIJAY

09-101

WHEREAS, The Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act requires county and municipal governments to prepare a local solid waste management plan and periodic updates; and

WHEREAS, Gilmer County, Georgia has completed an update to the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan for Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay, 2004-2013; and

WHEREAS, Gilmer County, Georgia has complied with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management for public participation, including the initial public meeting held October 22, 2009 and the final public meeting held December 17, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gilmer County Board of Commissioners that the Report of Accomplishments, 2004-2009; the Implementation Schedule (Short Term Work Program) Update, 2010-2014; and the capacity assurance letter may be sent to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs for review and approval.

SO RESOLVED THIS 17th day of December, 2009.

Mark E. Chastain, Chairman

William (Will) Beattie Commissioner – Post 1

Commissioner – Post 2

ATTEST:

Diana Buttram, County Clerk

Gilmer County Board of Commissioners

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 09-101

	Yes	No	Abstain/Absent
Chairman Mark Chastain	<u>M</u>	-	
Post 1 William Beattie	2		
Post 2 JC Sanford	_/		

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT

WHEREAS, The Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act requires county and municipal governments to prepare a local solid waste management plan and periodic updates; and

WHEREAS, Ellijay, Georgia has completed a Five-Year Update to the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan for Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay, 2004-2013; and

WHEREAS, Ellijay, Georgia has complied with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management for public participation, including the initial public meeting held October 22, 2009 and the final public meeting held December 17, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ellijay Mayor and Council that the Report of Accomplishments, 2004-2009; the Implementation Schedule (Short Term Work Program) Update, 2010-2014; and the capacity assurance letter may be sent to the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs for review and approval.

SO RESOLVED THIS 21st DAY OF December, 2010.

Al Hoyle, Mayor City of Ellijay

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Tatiana Foltz, Clerk

A Resolution to Transmit

WHEREAS, The Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act requires county and municipal governments to prepare a local solid waste management plan and periodic update; and

WHEREAS, Gilmer County, Georgia has completed a five year update to the 2004-2013 Solid Waste Management Plan for Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay; and

WHEREAS, Gilmer County, Georgia has complied with the Rules of Georgia Department of Community Affairs Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management (Chapter 110-4-3) including public participation requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gilmer County Board of Commissioners that the five year update to the document entitled 2004-2013 Solid Waste Management Plan for Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay may be sent to the North West Georgia Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs for review and approval.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12 DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.

Mack G. West, Mayor City of East Ellijay

ATTEST; Lood

(Witness)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE GILMER COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ELLIJAY & EAST ELLIJAY JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Gilmer County Commission and the cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay will hold a joint public hearing on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 5:45 p.m. in the Gilmer County Courthouse Jury Assembly Room regarding a five-year update to the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan. The purpose of the hearing is to inform the public about the purpose of the joint solid waste management plan and the process to be followed in the preparation of the plan update and elicit community input on the needs and goals.

NOTICE OF
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE
GILMER COUNTY,
CITY OF ELLIJAY AND
CITY OF EAST ELLIJAY

5-ÝEAR UPDATE TO THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Gilmer County Board of Commissioners; the Ellijay City Council and the East Ellijay City Council will hold a Joint Public Hearing on Thursday, December 17, 2009, in the Gilmer County Courthouse – Jury Assembly Room at 5:45 p.m. The hearing is being held to (1) brief the community on the contents of the draft 5-year update to the Solid Waste Management Plan, (2) provide an opportunity for residents to make suggestions, additions or revisions and (3) to inform the community of when the plan will be submitted to the North West Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review.

GILMER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday October 22, 2009 5:45 PM

LOCATION: GILMER COUNTY COURTHOUSE (JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM)

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Post Commissioners Sanford and County Clerk Diana Buttram.

CALL TO ORDER: Called to order by Post Commissioner Sanford at 5:45 pm

Commissioner Sanford opened the meeting and read a statement regarding the Joint Solid Waste Plan, five year update. This was the initial public hearing. The statement was as follows:

STATEMENT

In October, 2004 a "Joint Solid Waste Management Plan" was adopted by Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay for the period of 2004 – 2013. Pursuant to the rules & regulations of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in accordance with O.C.G.A. 12-8-31.1, it is required that the plan be updated at 5 year intervals.

The purpose of this public hearing is to announce the commencement of the updating process of our "Joint Solid Waste Management Plan" and to solicit public input or comments as to needs and goals that may be included in the plan update. The Gilmer County Department of Community Development and the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission will be coordinating and preparing the plan update. A public comment forum is available by calling the BOC comment line at 706-515-2320 at the Board of Commissioners Office.

Once a draft of the plan update is prepared, a second public hearing will be announced and the public will again be asked to comment.

Commissioner Sanford asked for comments from the public. No comments were provided.

With no further business Commissioner Sanford closed the public hearing at 5:52 pm.

Diana Buttram, County Clerk

Gilmer County Commissioners



GILMER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Thursday October 29, 2009 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: BOC CONFERENCE ROOM

WORKSESSION MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mark E. Chastain, Chairman; Post Commissioners Beattie and

Sanford and Diana Buttram, County Clerk.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Chastain called the work session to order at 5:00

p.m.

DISCUSSION:

1. Solid Waste Management Plan.

Chairman Chastain reviewed the purpose of the Solid Waste Plan and asked for comments from the public. He also reviewed the timeline of the plan update; i.e; required advertisements and public hearings.

Mr. Jim Smith, Director of Community Development reviewed the update implementation schedule. Chairman Chastain indicated that specific language pertaining to convenience centers needs to be addressed in the update. He suggested that instead of indicating the number of convenience centers, (since Gilmer County currently has more than neighboring counties), the updated language should possibly read "maintain convenience centers as needed". He also asked that specific language be added to include "recycling".

Further discussion ensued and Chairman Chastain invited the public to respond with suggestions prior to the update.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business Chairman Chastain adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Diana Buttram, County Clerk Gilmer County Commissioners

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 10-027 FIVE-YEAR UPDATE FOR THE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GILMER COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF ELLIJAY AND EAST ELLIJAY

2004-2013

Whereas, the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act requires county and municipal governments to prepare a local solid waste management plan and periodic update; and

Whereas, Gilmer County, Georgia has compiled, reviewed, and modified a Five-Year Update to the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan for Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay, 2004-2013; and

Whereas, Gilmer County has complied with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management (Chapter 110-4-3) including public participation requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gilmer County Commission that the document entitled Five-Year Update For the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan of Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay, 2009-2014 be officially approved and adopted.

SO RESOLVED THIS _22nd_ DAY OF April, 2010.

Mark E. Chastain, Chairman

Chairman, Gilmer County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Diana Buttram, County Clerk, Gilmer County

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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE

FIVE-YEAR UPDATE FOR THE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GILMER COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF ELLIJAY AND EAST ELLIJAY 2004-2013

Whereas, the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act requires county and municipal governments to prepare a local solid waste management plan and periodic update; and

Whereas, the City of Ellijay, Georgia has compiled, reviewed, and modified a Five-Year Update to the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan for Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay, 2004-2013; and

Whereas, the City of Ellijay, Georgia has complied with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management (Chapter 110-4-3) including public participation requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Ellijay, Georgia that the document entitled Five-Year Update For the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan of Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay, 2009-2014 be officially approved and adopted.

SO RESOLVED THIS 5th DAY OF MAY, 2010.

BY

Mayor, City of Ellijay

ATTEST

Clerk, Ellijay

RESOLUTION NO. 10-02

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE

FIVE-YEAR UPDATE FOR THE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GILMER COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF ELLIJAY AND EAST ELLIJAY 2004-2013

Whereas, the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act requires county and municipal governments to prepare a local solid waste management plan and periodic update; and

Whereas, the City of East Ellijay, Georgia has compiled, reviewed, and modified a Five-Year Update to the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan for Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay, 2004-2013; and

Whereas, the City of East Ellijay, Georgia has complied with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management (Chapter 110-4-3) including public participation requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of East Ellijay, Georgia that the document entitled Five-Year Update For the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan of Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay, 2009-2014 be officially approved and adopted.

SO RESOLVED THIS 3rd DAY OF MAY, 2010.

BY:

Mayor, City of East Ellijav

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Ellijay



May 13, 2010

Honorable Mark Chastain Chair, Gilmer County Commission 1 Westside Square Ellijay, GA 30540-5001

Dear Chairman Chastain:

We have received notification that Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay have adopted the 2010 -2014 Short Term Work Program that meets the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to notify you that Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay are eligible for solid waste permits, grants and loans.

As you have experienced, in addition to proper and thorough long-range planning, effective solid waste management requires the ability to adapt when circumstances indicate that such action is necessary. Through continued review, and revision when necessary, solid waste planning provides your local government with more control over its destiny and assists you in dealing more effectively with both short-term and long-term management decisions.

We commend you for your hard work and dedication. If you have any questions regarding your solid waste management plan, please contact Jennifer Szabo in our Office of Environmental Management at (404) 679-0567 or at iennifer.szabo@dca.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Commissioner

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Cc: Bill Steiner, Director, Northwest Georgia Regional Commission









May 13, 2010

Honorable William Hoyle Mayor, City of Ellijay 197 North Main Street Ellijay, GA 30540-3323

Dear Mayor Hoyle:

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We commend you for your hard work and dedication. If you have any questions regarding your solid waste management plan, please contact Jennifer Szabo in our Office of Environmental Management at (404) 679-0567 or at <u>iennifer.szabo@dca.ga.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Mike Beatty

Commissioner

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Cc: Bill Steiner, Director, Northwest Georgia Regional Commission







May 13, 2010

Honorable Mack West Mayor, City of East Ellijay Post Office Box 1060 East Ellijay, GA 30539-0018

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May 6, 2010

Mr. Randall Hartmann Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Environmental Management 60 Executive Park South, NE Atlanta, GA 30329-2231

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

The Northwest Georgia Regional Commission (NWGRC) is submitting herein the final adoption version of the Five-Year Update of the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan for Gilmer County, Ellijay, & East Ellijay. We received a letter from Mike Gleaton, dated April 20, 2010, citing approval of all previously submitted materials relative to the above plan. His letter also requested that we return a final copy of the Short Term Work Program, along with the required adoption resolutions. We are resubmitting the entire document, which now includes those items requested by Mr. Gleaton. The adoption resolutions are attached as the last three pages and the Short Term Work Program includes some minor corrections per earlier comments from DCA.

We understand that Gilmer County and the Cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay will officially be notified of the eligibility for solid waste grants, loans, and permits. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jim Smith, Gilmer County Community and Econ. Dev. Director

Al Hoyle, Mayor of Ellijay

Mack West, Mayor of East Ellijay

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